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SUBJECT: PLO PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE

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- 1. ALIREZA DID RAISE WITH THE SECRETARY THE QUESTION SAUD PUT TO YOU JULY 6 ON THIS SUBJECT. I REPLIED TO ALIREZA TODAY (JULY 13) ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. YOU MAY MAKE THE SAME POINTS TO SAUD, NOTING THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ALIREZA HERE.
- -- THE SECRETARY CAREFULLY CONSIDERED PRINCE SAUD'S QUESTION ABOUT A SPECIFIC FORMULATION FOR A POSSIBLE PLO ACCEPTANCE WITH RESERVATIONS OF RESOLUTION 242. WE HAD NOT THOUGHT ABOUT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF THIS SORT.
- -- THE SECRETARY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THAT PRINCE SAUD SECRET

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HAS SHOWN THIS ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE MATTER AFTER IT WAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN FAHD AND THE PRESIDENT. AS PRINCE SAUD KNOWS, THE SECRETARY EXPECTS TO BE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AGAIN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS FOLLOWING THE BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HE WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUES WITH THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP. HE BELIEVES

THAT THE MOST USEFUL WAY TO RESPOND TO PRINCE SAUD'S QUERY WOULD BE IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND HE LOOKS FORWARD TO TAKING IT UP AT THAT TIME.

- -- MEANWHILE, THE SECRETARY WANTS PRINCE SAUD TO KNOW VERY CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THIS IDEA WAS ALSO DISCUSSED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD IN GENEVA.
- 2. ALIREZA SAID HE WOULD SEND A BRIEF MESSAGE TO PRINCE SAUD THAT A REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND HE WOULD REPORT MORE FULLY IN PERSON WHEN HE ARRIVES IN JIDDA (HE LEAVES FRIDAY FOR SAUDI ARABIA VIA STOPS IN EUROPE AND PLANS TO BE IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT). I TOLD ALIREZA SAUD HAD RECENTLY RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH YOU AND THAT I WOULD BE REPORTING TODAY'S CONVERSATION TO YOU.
- 3. ALIREZA ASKED IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY REACTION FROM ASSAD. I SAID ASSAD HAD SHOWN AN INTEREST IN CONCEPT. VANCE

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